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Several at DPS have returned following Iraqi war call up

By late August, almost half of the DPS officers and civilian employees who were called up for active military duty in the war against Iraq have returned to work at the Department.

Among those returning, all said they were very proud to have served their country during the war and felt the event was something that simply had to take place.

However, the prideful employees said the

best part of the historic conflict took place when they were told they could come home to their families in the United States.

In addition to extremely hot temperatures and the constant presence of blowing dust, employees returning from Iraq also commented on the horrible living conditions that exist for Iraqi civilians.

DPS employees who observed living conditions in Iraq said they now cherish their

U.S. citizenship more than ever.

The October issue of the *Digest* will contain in-depth features about many of those at DPS who served in the Iraqi war.

DPS employees who have returned to work include DPS Sgt. Bob Stout along with Officers John Barber, Michael Cota, Arthur Avitia, Adam Lason, Michael Fields, Craig Bremer, James Congrove and Robert Rehm.

SECC drive under way at Department

The State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC), which benefits more than 600 charitable organizations throughout Arizona, is under way at DPS.

For the past 20 years, DPS employees, like all state employees, have been asked to make a contribution to the state-run and sponsored campaign. This year will be no exception.

Soon, the Department's SECC coordinators, led by Phil Case, DPS Comptroller, and Jennie Edwards, Training and Management Services Bureau, will be furnishing DPS employees with information on how to contribute to the campaign during its eight weeks of operation.

Campaign coordinators at DPS said all contributions by DPS employees are welcome, no matter how large or small. It has been the accumulation of everyone's donations that makes the campaign so successful.

Case said the official monetary goal of the statewide SECC campaign this year is to raise \$1.73 million, an increase of 1 percent over last year.

Last year, state employees raised \$1.713 million for SECC with DPS employees contributing nearly \$45,000.

The SECC campaign allows a person to make donations through bi-weekly payroll deductions or one-time cash or check payments.



Traffic Stop – Iraqi style

Flagstaff-based Highway Patrol Officer Arthur Avitia (center) assists during a "traffic stop of sorts" during his military deployment in Iraq. Avitia, a reserve in the U.S. Marines, returned from Iraq in June after about five months in the Mideast. Two other DPS officers who were part of Avitia's battalion in Iraq, Adam Lason and Craig Bremer, also returned. By late August, nearly half of the DPS employees who were deployed to Iraq had returned safely and were back at work.



From Director
Dennis Garrett's

Vantage Point

During the past 18 months, we have been experiencing a "changing of the guard" within the DPS Crime Laboratory system thanks to a series of retirements.

When an employee retires, we normally feel grateful for the opportunity to have worked with such a fine co-worker, excited for the person as he or she enters the next phase of their lives, sad that the friend is leaving, and concerned about the experience and expertise the individual takes out the door upon retirement.

In recent months, the Crime Lab has seen five dedicated employees leave via retirement taking with them more than 150 years of faithful and honorary service to the Department, the state and those they have served.

This transition began in the spring of 2002 when Ron Bridgemon (30 years of service) and Cliff Vander Ark (34 years) pulled up roots and retired. Then this spring and summer we endured the retirements of Jim Timmons (30 years), Ed Trujillo (31 years), and Bill Morris (30 years).

All retired as high-level administrators within the structure of the Crime Lab and all successfully worked some fairly high-profile cases during their careers with the Department.

During their tenure with DPS, these five men helped provide the leadership and guidance that transformed the state Crime Lab from a grassroots operation into the state crime laboratory system that we have today, one that has become among the most respected in the United States.

Of course, we would be remiss if we didn't mention Dr. David Kutob whose tireless efforts were instrumental in the Department's mission of achieving accreditation through the American Society of Crime Lab Directors. When the Department was approved for accreditation for the first time in the early 1980s, it became only the second crime lab in the country to receive such lofty status. Five years later, the DPS Crime Lab became the first to earn re-accreditation.

These individuals, along with current Crime Lab Director Todd Griffith, have made accreditation almost commonplace at DPS while ensuring that the Department continues to flourish as one of the best if not the best state-run crime labs in the country.

Although the Department has lost some exemplary leadership in the Crime Lab, the foundation these individuals constructed undoubtedly will keep our Crime Lab on a level cherished by those seeking a similar prestigious reputation.

State's liquor enforcement responsibilities leaving DPS

DPS will continue to enforce the state's liquor laws, but as of July 1, the primary responsibility of administering and enforcing the liquor laws of Arizona was shifted to the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC).

The action came during the past state legislative session when lawmakers approved its budget for fiscal year 2003-04.

"Because of a tight economy and a desire to streamline various functions provided by state government, the transfer of liquor enforcement responsibilities to DLLC was understandable," said Lt. Jack Lane, the Department's legislative liaison.

Since its formation in 1969, the Department has been mandated as the state's primary enforcer of state liquor laws. Prior to 1969, it had been the responsibility of DLLC.

In recent years, Lane said the Department hasn't had the resources nor the manpower needed for rigorous enforcement of the state's liquor laws.

"When you look at the manpower issue, I think it equated to about two officers who worked liquor at a 100-percent level," Lane said. "We weren't working that many liquor details. So, the legislature looked at what DLLC was doing and what it was mandated to do before consolidating that function and returning it to the DLLC."

"There is no reason why DLLC shouldn't be performing this function and probably should be doing so because it is the agency in charge of liquor licenses."

In this transition, the Department lost two positions and two vehicles. Those positions and vehicles were transferred to DLLC.

"I am not sure where those positions will come from, but we will not be sending two officers over there," Lane said. "The two vehicles we provide cannot have more than 80,000 miles on them."

As this developed, Lane said the Department wasn't opposed to the shift of the enforcement mandate, but were reluctant to forfeit two positions and the funding that goes with them.

"Given the fact that the legislature was transferring the responsibilities of this mandate, we also realized that we no longer would have that burden," the DPS legislative liaison said. "However, our officers can and will still enforce the liquor laws, just like any municipal, county or state law enforcement agency."

Cocaine found in batteries

Hollowed-out batteries in two Ford F-250 pickup trucks were used to conceal cocaine, according to Wyoming authorities.

What keyed investigators to the batteries were tampering marks to the post and cable areas of the battery.

More than six kilograms of cocaine were found concealed in the batteries. Both vehicles also contained concealed motorcycle batteries hidden within rear speaker boxes that were used to provide the actual source of power to start the vehicles.

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Badge No. 1 returns home

Retired DPS Sgt. George Schuck (at right in left photo) recently celebrated his 80th birthday by presenting Arizona Highway Patrol badge "Number 1" to DPS Lt. Dave Myers. Schuck first received the badge in 1963 while assigned to the Governor's Detail which at the time was a one-officer assignment under Gov. Ernest McFarland. Prior to the badge being assigned to Sgt. Schuck it belonged to Officer John Perica, brother of former Gov. Rose Mofford. Myers said the badge most likely will be displayed in the lobby of the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix. Schuck had badge number 54 when he retired in 1974 completing 20 years of service with the Highway Patrol and DPS.

Charlie Cleveland is a Holbrook resident with great civic pride

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BY JOLYNN FOX

Holbrook Tribune-News

Charlie Cleveland is a man of varied interests and pursuits.

From his yard and his workshop to bowling and fishing, his interests are given the kind of devotion many might wish they had the time for.

Cleveland has been a resident of Holbrook for 50 years. After high school, he went to a bowling school where he learned how to maintain equipment and lanes, drill balls and other skills that he utilized working at Holbrook's Triangle Bowl, which opened in 1961.

"I went to work at the business that was owned by the Guttery family in June 1961, but was drafted for the Army shortly after," he relates.

After serving as a military policeman for two years, he became an officer with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, retiring after 20 years of service. For five years, he

worked at an auto parts store, then returned to DPS as a civilian employee, where he has been for the past 10 years.

"I would like to retire in February and add on to my garage," said Cleveland.

He will also have more time for wood-working projects, a hobby he already devotes many hours to.

In recent years, Cleveland has crafted more than 70 boxes, including musical ones, clocks, toolboxes, furniture, cabinets and even a wooden wagon he used for a parade float.

For more than 20 years, Cleveland has used his knowledge for bowling alleys, and he certifies lanes for the American Bowling Congress. In order for bowlers to qualify for national competition, their bowling average has to be established at a bowling alley with certified lanes.

An avid bowler, his average at this time is 186, but his highest average over the years topped 204. He said he has bowled every year since Holbrook's alleys opened except about four or five years in the 1960s and he missed the 1983-84 season.

Year around, Cleveland works on his yard and the alley behind his home to keep the property neat and clean.

For the past three years, he has kept flow-

ers planted during the growing season in a bed along the alley. This year, he added an automatic sprinkler line to the bed. His fenced yard and the front yard look just as neat as the rest of the property.

Cleveland takes keeping the alley clean seriously enough that he campaigns with his neighbors to keep trash and weeds eradicated.

He and his wife, Mary, a nurse, have three grown daughters and five grandchildren.

AHPA drawing set for Nov. 9 in Tucson

The 20th annual Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona (AHPA) Classic Car Raffle will be conducted Nov. 9 in Tucson.

Tickets sell for \$20 with first prize being \$25,000 towards the purchase of the vehicle of your choice.

Second prize is a \$2,000 spending spree – you select the store, AHPA provides the money. Third prize is a \$1,500 spending spree while the fourth prize is a \$1,000 spending spree. The final prize is a \$500 spending spree.

Contact any AHPA board member for tickets or telephone Bev Fuller at Ext. 2147 for additional information.

DPS preparing to purchase state-of-the-art Tasers for officers

DPS is in the process of securing funds so that it can purchase state-of-the-art Taser X26s for each of its officers to carry while on-duty.

DPS, along with many other law enforcement agencies, believes that Tasers provide police officers with an extraordinary means of safely stopping and controlling violent, dangerous suspects without inflicting fatal or permanent injuries.

A number of widely-respected law enforcement agencies, including the Phoenix Police Department, have equipped their officers with the cutting-edge devices over the past few years and have since reported dramatic decreases in suspect-related injuries and deaths.

Many agencies using Tasers have also reported significant decreases in officer-related injuries.

The particular Taser DPS intends to purchase is a new product of Taser International, Inc., a Scottsdale-based company that is considered a leading producer of advanced less-lethal weapons.

The Taser X26 is 60 percent smaller than the company's standard Taser product yet five percent more powerful.

DPS Lt. Dean Nyhart, Training commander, said DPS has always wanted to purchase Tasers for its officers, but was previously concerned about the relatively "large" size of the device.

Until the new Taser X26 debuted in May, Nyhart said the best Taser available for law enforcement use was slightly larger than the Sig Sauer handguns carried by today's DPS officers. Because these original Tasers were relatively "large" in size, Nyhart said a decision had not been made at DPS as to how the agency's officers would actually wear or carry the devices while on-duty.

In addition, a decision had not been made at DPS as to how the agency's officers would be trained to use the "large" Tasers if they were, in fact, purchased.

But, when the Taser X26 debuted in May, Nyhart said the Department took immediate interest in the product because it could be easily carried and used by all DPS officers, especially those assigned to the Highway Patrol.

Not only is the Taser X26 more powerful than the previous Taser, but it is also much smaller and optimized for full-time carry on a police duty belt.

"The versatile tool can also be easily worn on an officer's thigh or even concealed," Nyhart said.

Personnel from the Department's Training and Management Services Bureau re-



The X26 Taser is the latest in less-lethal technology

cently took a Taser X26 to an Executive Staff meeting to demonstrate its smaller size and enhanced effectiveness.

Nyhart said that DPS management, like Training personnel, "were very impressed with the product and believe it will provide DPS officers with a 21st century tool to supplement the other weapons they carry to protect the public and themselves."

"From a use of force standpoint, I feel a Taser can accomplish everything that a chemical spray or impact weapon can without causing the physical trauma that normally accompanies those less-lethal instruments," said Nyhart, adding that Tasers can also save lives in situations where they can

be used as an alternative to deadly force.

Currently, Nyhart says the agency is doing everything it can to secure funding so that it can order Tasers as promptly as possible. All funding options are being vigorously examined, including Racketeering Influenced Crime Organization (RICO) funds and grant monies.

When DPS officers eventually obtain Tasers, Nyhart said officers will likely be trained on how to use the devices in accordance with policies that other respected law enforcement agencies have developed.

Editor's Note: To learn more about the new Taser X26 product, visit Taser International, Inc.'s website at www.taser.com.

Taser officials say probes travel 180 per second with a target range of 21 feet

Upon firing, compressed nitrogen projects two probes up to 21 feet at a speed of 180 feet per second.

An electrical signal transmits throughout the region where the probes make contact with the body or clothing. The result is an instant loss of the attacker's neuromuscular control.

In other words, an attacker will lose complete command and control of his or her body as an override takes place on his or her motor nervous system.

An attacker becomes instantly incapacitated, even those who may be impervious to other less-lethal means, regardless of pain tolerance, drug use, or body size -- factors that cause other less-lethal options to have decreased effectiveness.

Tasers produce no long-term injuries and

the only short term injuries are very minor skin irritations in the area where a Taser's probes hit a human body. The device will not cause a heart attack or damage a pacemaker; will not cause electrocution, even if a target is standing in water.

Should the user of a Taser miss or engage a second attacker, the weapon can be applied directly to the target and will work like a powerful touch-stun device. A Taser's probes do not have to penetrate the body to be effective.

The electrical current will "jump" up to two inches as long as both probes are attached to clothing or skin. Tasers are effective against most conventional body armor and other counter-measures.

Source: Taser International Inc. web site.

Jim Timmons retires after 30 years of service with Department

James E. "Jim" Timmons, who served three years as an assistant director at DPS, retired from the agency on July 1 following 30 years of service with the Department.

Timmons, who has a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and a master of science degree in environmental management/hazardous materials, began his DPS career as a lab technician on July 1, 1973.

Prior to DPS, the Yuma High School graduate attended Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., on a full-ride NCAA baseball scholarship. Following his junior year at Creighton, Timmons was drafted in the second round of the major league professional baseball draft, but did not sign, electing instead to complete his college education.

After completing his undergraduate work, Timmons accepted a position with DPS as a lab technician. Shortly thereafter, he promoted to a Criminalist I position within the Central Crime Laboratory in Phoenix.

As a forensic scientist for more than 14 years, he advanced through the Criminalist series from Criminalist II to Criminalist IV. During this time, Timmons specialized in the forensic applications of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry where he scientifically analyzed controlled substances, toxicology samples, and trace evidence such as gunpowder, accelerants, explosives and unknown substances.

To provide for a faster case turnaround time, Timmons wrote innovative software programs, in a variety of forensic areas that enhanced productivity. He also served as one of Arizona's first clandestine laboratory specialists.

Additionally, Timmons was an invited speaker at a regional scientific conference and authored four publications for scientific journals.

In 1986, Timmons worked a difficult, complex, and high-profile homicide case involving murder by cyanide poisoning. The case, involving a man trying to murder his wife by contaminating a water cooler with cyanide, was subsequently re-enacted and shown on the Discovery Channel's "New Detectives" series.

In 1989, Timmons was promoted to supervising criminalist in the Central Regional Crime Laboratory. During the next seven years, he provided technical and administrative management for Controlled Substances, Latent Prints, Questioned Documents, Polygraph, Toxicology, and Property and Evidence.

He then served as the laboratory system's safety officer where he developed and man-



JIM TIMMONS

aged several OSHA-mandated programs, most notably the Chemical Hygiene Plan and the Exposure Control Plan. Timmons also served as the laboratory system's professional development coordinator.

In 1990, he was selected as a member of the Governor's Hazardous Waste Advisory Committee, and in 1992, he was selected "Professional of the Year" by the Arizona Administrators Association.

He was also an invited speaker for three presentations that included statewide, national, and international audiences. Additionally, Timmons served as the technical editor for the nationally-circulated publication called "The DRE." He also authored two more articles for forensic/scientific journals.

He was appointed chief of staff for the Criminal Justice Support Bureau in December 1996 where he provided bureau-level support for the management and leadership of this highly-technical and diverse operation. During this time he also was a member of a legislative committee, the Community Notification Guidelines Committee.

Timmons was a member of the States' Coalition, a nationwide group of executive law enforcement officials whose goal was to obtain federal funding for forensic laboratories.

In January 1998, Timmons was promoted to bureau chief for the Criminal Justice Support Bureau. During this time, he also continued his involvement as a member of the

States' Coalition. His appointment as bureau chief ended in April 2000.

He then returned to the Central Regional Crime Laboratory as a supervising criminalist working on special projects. The last four months of his career were spent supervising the laboratory's Property and Evidence Unit.

Timmons's professional affiliations over his career include the Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, California Association of Toxicologists, American Society for Mass Spectrometry and Arizona Chiefs of Police.

In retirement, Timmons says he is enjoy-

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Who Is She?

Don't let that grimace fool you, this DPS employee frequently greets most with a warm smile. Who Is She? Guess correctly and win either a denim or polo shirt courtesy of the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona.

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Winner of the July contest was Carol Rall, bureau chief of the Logistics Bureau. Carol was one of four to correctly identify the serious young girl as LaVada Charbonneau, an administrative services officer with Research and Planning. A drawing determined the winner.

Bill Morris played key role in solving Buddhist monk murders

During his career as one of the foremost firearms examiners in the United States, DPS Supervising Criminalist Bill Morris had his share of interesting cases.

Few, however, touch the significant role he played in the conviction of two Avondale teenagers who brutally executed nine people, including six Buddhist monks, one warm August evening slightly more than a dozen years ago.

The Buddhist temple massacre drew international front-page attention for several months and then picked up more steam once Morris completed his examination of the murder weapon, a .22-caliber Marlin rifle.

That examination changed the world for four Tucson men who originally were charged with the slayings after confessing to the atrocity they didn't commit. At that point, the world also changed dramatically for Alessandro "Alex" Garcia, 17, and Johnathan Doody, 18, as they emerged as the prime suspects in the execution-style murders of the monks whose bodies were found in a circle inside a Buddhist temple (Wat Promkunaram) located in the far west valley, past Luke Air Force Base.

While in a kneeling position, each victim had been fatally shot in the head.

According to investigators, robbery was the motive, adding that the killers took cameras, electronic equipment and about \$2,800 in cash from the temple. Prosecutors said investigators determined that Garcia and Doody, who attended high school together, planned the robbery two months in advance and had reached an agreement beforehand to eliminate all witnesses.

Garcia eventually pled guilty and testified for the prosecution during Doody's trial. Each eventually received prison sentences totaling more than 300 years.

Morris, who retired from DPS in July following 30 years of service with the agency, said it was good police work and a little luck that provided the investigative foundation that eventually led to the arrest of the Avondale teens.

"The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office had obtained confessions from four Tucson men and had them in jail awaiting trial," Morris said. "But, there was nothing there that could positively link the 'Tucson Four' to the crime scene. While they were in jail, I probably examined 80 or so weapons, but there were no matches."

However, a few months or so after the murders, a young man was stopped at Luke Air Force Base. During the stop, a military police officer noticed the gun and "wrote up a field incident" card. Time marched on be-



Bill Morris (left) and his daughter Mary (center) during a luncheon held in his honor

fore an investigator assigned to the task force located the young man and questioned him about the .22-caliber Marlin he owned.

Morris said the investigator seized the weapon and eventually it arrived at Morris' bench for examination.

"It came over as a routine case," Morris said. "Along with several other rifles, I started working on it. Lo and behold, it was the gun we had been looking for. After a few more tests, I called the task force sergeant who was in Tucson looking for evidence trying to further connect the 'Tucson Four' to the murders. I told him I had the rifle used in the Buddhist temple murders."

Investigators then went to the young man who owned the gun. He told them that he had loaned the rifle to Doody and Garcia earlier that summer.

That's when the puzzle pieces began to fit leading to the arrest of the Avondale teenagers and the release of the "Tucson Four."

"After I knew we had the gun, I didn't jump up and down and 'high-five' people," Morris said. "We were happy to have the gun; we were just happy to get it done. I was relieved to know that I wouldn't be looking at any more guns associated with this case."

"This case generated a lot of publicity, and there was a lot of pressure to find the murder weapon. Once we had the weapon, the analysis was quite easy."

As fate would have it, Morris wasn't quite thorough with Garcia.

When Garcia's attorneys were hammering out a plea agreement in which Garcia

would testify against Doody, Garcia was asked if he was involved in any other crimes. He admitted that he was present a few months after the temple murders when his 14-year-old girlfriend, Michelle Hoover, fatally shot Alice Cameron, 50, who was camping at Bartlett Lake north of Phoenix. Authorities said after shooting Cameron, the two waited an hour watching her die before robbing her of \$20. Hoover eventually was tried as an adult and received a 15-year prison sentence.

This evidence was vital for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as they had arrested a suspect and obtained a confession from him only to learn later that they had arrested another innocent man.

"They were almost to trial with this man when Garcia dropped this bombshell," Morris said. "The investigators went and seized the suspected weapon. After conducting several tests, I determined that it was the murder weapon. So, in essence, Garcia participated in a total of 10 murders."

Morris' career at DPS began on Sept. 16, 1972, when he arrived at the Department as a Criminalist II after working almost three years with the Phoenix Police Department crime laboratory. Two years later, he was promoted to Criminalist III, and in 1977, he was elevated to supervising criminalist.

When he retired as a supervising criminalist in charge of the Trace Analysis Unit, he was managing a staff of six criminalists who were responsible for firearms/toolmarks, trace analysis, and footwear/tire tracks ex-

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Tannehill says goodbye to Department after 30 years of service

Rick Tannehill, a telecommunications engineer who designed the radio network that allows today's DPS officers to communicate with each other, retired from DPS on July 30 following 30 years of service.

Tannehill, who also procured and designed DPS' first mobile data terminal system, began his career with DPS in March of 1973. His first assignment with the agency as a communications engineer was to design a new Highway Patrol UHF radio network.

It was an enormous project for a new employee and signified the Department's confidence in Tannehill's abilities. The radio network that Tannehill built, which was licensed in the early 1970's, has withstood the test of time and today is still in use.

Five years after joining DPS, Tannehill was promoted to engineering manager and in 1983, he moved up to a senior engineering position.

Throughout his career, Tannehill provided DPS a significant amount of support by writing complex technical papers and bid specifications related to communications equipment. In fact, Tannehill wrote the first bid for police radar and the first state cell-phone procurement bid.

In 1978, he received a Letter of Commendation from DPS Director Vernon Hoy for his resolution of a technical requirement for radar units.

Tannehill's job assignments at the agency progressed to the point where he became the primary contact for most of the outside agencies whose communication's needs are supported by DPS' Telecommunications Bureau.

Tannehill, who was born in Indiana but raised in Tucson, eventually provided communication's support for eight other agencies. He also designed the first 800 MHz trunked simulcast radio system for the state to be used by ADOT for its Phoenix freeway construction activities.

As a departing legacy, the University of Arizona graduate was heavily involved in the design of the mobile data computer (MDC) system that is scheduled to replace DPS' mobile data terminal (MDT) system in the near future.

Prior to DPS, Tannehill designed radar in the aerospace industry. He found this industry to be extremely unstable, however, and decided to pursue more secure communications work with a utility or in public safety. A referral during his job search led him to DPS.

In retirement, Tannehill plans to continue a part-time business endeavor he launched



Rick Tannehill and his wife, Pauline, enjoy his retirement get-together

several years ago as a communications engineering consultant. He also said he plans on traveling quite a bit with his wife, Pauline, in order to visit his out-of-state children and grandchildren. Tannehill also plans on returning to some old hobbies and visiting his vacation home in the Show Low area.

Although he looks forward to retirement, Tannehill said he will definitely miss his co-workers at DPS.

"I worked with a very good group of

people in the Telecommunications Bureau and I will definitely miss interacting with them on a daily basis," said Tannehill, who was one of the founding members of DPS' amateur radio club about five years ago.

Tannehill, who plans on remaining in Arizona during retirement, encourages all of his former co-workers and friends to give him a call at any time for a friendly chat.

"I am pretty easy to find and I enjoy getting telephone calls," Tannehill said.

Morris ...

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aminations. His work efforts were recognized with Director's Unit Citations in 1982, 1983 and 1990.

"DPS had a more expanded promotional scheme than what was in place with the Phoenix Police Department," Morris explained. "Salary wise, I was topped out at Phoenix. I also liked the fact that my primary responsibilities at DPS would be firearms and toolmark identification which is what I really wanted to do.

"This career was very fulfilling, but it's just time to leave and do some things I have always wanted to do," Morris said, adding that he hopes to get more involved with hiking, camping, art blacksmithing, archery, and recreational bicycling.

"I also plan to do some traveling within the United States," Morris said. "After my wife retires in about a year, we are going to see if all these invitations from friends and relatives are still valid."

Before Phoenix, Morris spent 4½ years with the U.S. Army. His final year with the Army was an assignment in Vietnam where the Bayonne, N.J., native operated a small crime lab used mostly for drug identification although there were a few examinations associated with firearms.

"We would investigate any violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice," said Morris, who graduated from St. Peter's College (Jersey City, N.J.) with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

"I am going to miss working with fellow criminalists, the officers, the attorneys," Morris said. "Those relationships were very rewarding and enjoyable. It was also nice to see my daughter Mary come into the crime lab as a criminalist. This career was very fulfilling, but it's just time to leave.

"For a while, I'll remain an intermittent employee. But my goal in retirement is not to come back to work on a regular basis. I understand what retirement means."

Unsinkable Molly Brown

Long-time Phoenix DPS employee Molly Brown, an administrative services officer in the Highway Patrol Division, displays her new vanity Arizona license plate. She had the plate personalized with the letters "UNSNKBL" in honor of the more famous Molly Brown who reportedly rowed for 7½ hours to deliver several passengers and herself to safety during the sinking of the Titanic on April 14, 1912. That Molly Brown became known as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" for her heroic actions.



This officer takes on fighter jet during Strong Man competition

Officer Terry Cirre, a commercial vehicle safety specialist assigned to Kingman, competed in the West Coast's Strong Man Competition in Riverside, Calif., this summer.

The grueling, two-day competition featured some of the strongest men from throughout the western United States participating in very unique and strenuous strength events.

One of the competition's five events required competitors to strap a specially-made harness onto their bodies and pull a 43-foot Skyhawk fighter jet 75 feet down a runway as fast as possible. Cirre completed the event in 24.92 seconds.

Cirre, an 8-year DPS officer, said he performed well in each of the competition's five events despite coming down with a bad case of the flu a day before the competition started.

In the end, Cirre placed sixth overall among the 18 competitors in his weight class, which consisted of athletes under 225 pounds. The only other weight class in the competition consisted of those more than 225 pounds.

The competition's five events included the Skyhawk pull, a 700-pound tire flip race, a 200-pound log press, a farmer's walk (walking while gripping and carrying dead weights in each hand), and a Conan's wheel (lifting and carrying an approximate 600-

pound load around a circular course).

"The most difficult thing about pulling the fighter jet was just getting the aircraft to start moving," Cirre said. "I had to give it everything I had just to get it to budge. Then I had to give it everything I had to keep it moving."

Cirre actually practiced for the Skyhawk fighter jet pull in Kingman by strapping a harness to his truck and pulling it around his neighborhood. To add weight to the pickup, Cirre would load family and friends into the truck.

"Many of my neighbors would come out and watch me because they were very curious about what I was doing," said Cirre, who was an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department prior to coming to DPS.

Cirre, who weighs 220 pounds and is 5 feet, 8 inches tall, trained very hard for the Strong Man competition for about a year. Because he trained so diligently, he was naturally very upset when he came down with the flu the day before the event started.

"Competitors have to have a tremendous amount of energy and endurance to perform well," Cirre said. "I had relatively little energy and felt extremely drained. Before the competition, I tried to suck down a lot of fluids and vitamin C just so I could make it through the day. I would have definitely

pulled out of the competition had I not spent so much time training for it."

Cirre, who is married and has four children, said he plans on returning to the competition again next year to give himself another chance.

If he doesn't get sick again, he believes there is a realistic chance that he could come in first or second and advance to the national Strong Man Competition.

Prior to this year, Cirre had not competed in a Strong Man competition of this caliber.

However, he is a very accomplished powerlifter. In the past 11 years he has competed in the powerlifting events at the Police Olympics, and has captured nine gold medals in his weight division.

Cirre also held the bench press record for his weight division when he worked at the Los Angeles Police Department. He also held the bench press record for his weight division when he was in the Marine Corps. He captured the Marine Corps' record with an eye-popping bench press of 511 pounds.

In a past Strong Man Competition, Cirre was required to pull the caboose of a train along some railroad tracks. Now that he has pulled a fighter jet and part of a train, Cirre might just want to enhance his training by trying to pull one of the many tractor-trailer rigs he stops in the Kingman area.

15 years ago, he was fighting for his life; now he faces high school and sports

Some 15 years ago, the *Digest* featured a touching, inspirational story about DPS Sgt. Jack Kostelnik and the struggles of his newborn son, Chad.

The story was published because Chad, who was the Kostelnik's first child, was born 13 weeks premature and was struggling to live shortly after birth. When born on Sept. 13, 1988, Chad weighed only one pound, 11 ounces. In addition, he was only 13 inches long.

Shortly after his birth, doctors told Sgt. Kostelnik and his wife, Debbie, that Chad's prognosis was bleak and that they were not sure if the premature infant would live past seven days.

Day after day, however, little Chad clung stubbornly to life, overcoming such life-threatening problems as apnea, a cessation of breathing, and a slow heartbeat.

His father described the extremely tiny child as a "little tiger" with an amazing will to live.

Today, Chad is doing fantastic. In fact, on Sept. 13, the 5-foot, 9-inch young man celebrates his 15th birthday. He will also be starting his first year of high school. As it turns out, Chad parlayed the amazing will he had to live as an infant into a very active, normal childhood.

Despite a number of miscellaneous health problems as a result of being seriously premature, Chad has always kept up with or even exceeded his peers in daily physical and mental activities. For the past several years, he has competed successfully in baseball, basketball, soccer and flag football. He also is an excellent student in the classroom.

Today, as a full-fledged teenager, many of the miscellaneous health problems Chad had as a child have disappeared or are starting to disappear, his father said. In fact, the elder Kostelnik, who is assigned to the Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in Phoenix, said doctors no longer expect Chad to have any significant long-term health problems.

With a prognosis that is positive and the tremendous amount of ambition Chad has had since birth, the sky may be limitless for the young man. Currently, Chad wants to become a pilot and join the Secret Service when he gets older. If he changes his mind about the Secret Service, his father said Chad does want to enter some type of law enforcement work.

Chad, who had grown used to being smaller than kids his age, may have received an additional boost of confidence in the sixth



CHAD KOSTELNIK

grade when he underwent a vertical growth spurt that actually made him taller than two thirds of the students his age.

The DPS employees who supported and rooted for Chad shortly after his birth still ask Sgt. Kostelnik how the young man is doing today. He is very proud to give updates. Kostelnik and his wife, Debbie, also have an 11-year old daughter.

Amnesty program offers taxpayers a break until Oct. 1

Through the Arizona Tax Amnesty Program 2003, the state is offering taxpayers, including state employees, a rare opportunity to file back taxes with reduced interest and no civil or criminal penalties.

The announcement was made in late July by J. Elliott Hibbs, director of the state Department of Revenue.

The program, which started Sept. 1, will continue through Oct. 31, Hibbs said.

"If you owe back taxes to the state of Arizona, now is your chance to come clean," Hibbs said in a news release.

"Tax Amnesty is a final opportunity for you or your business to avoid harsh penalties, criminal sanctions and higher interest."

Because the Department of Revenue (DR) is automating functions and adding staff, Hibbs said that chances are increasing that future non-filers and under-reporters will be caught.

PCP vapors lead to office evacuation

A traffic stop on U.S. 93 near Kingman Aug. 13 provided the first step in a chain of events that resulted in 12 people, including nine officers, being taken to a Kingman hospital after being exposed to PCP vapors.

The Duty Office reported that Highway Patrol Officer Greg Flores stopped the vehicle for numerous traffic violations. A search of the vehicle revealed a large package bundled in plastic wrap. The vehicle, its two occupants and the suspected contraband were then transported to DPS District 1 headquarters in Kingman.

Detectives assigned to the MAGNET unit responded to the headquarters building and attempted to obtain a small sample from the package. Sometime during this process, the Duty Office reported that a puncture developed releasing a

limited amount of vapor from the small hole exposing nine officers, a DPS civilian employee and the two suspects to the escaping mist.

The building and parking lot were immediately evacuated while DPS Hazardous Materials and Kingman Fire Department personnel responded to the Kingman headquarters building. DPS Crime Lab personnel from Lake Havasu City also responded and determined that the one-gallon container contained the street drug PCP.

Those taken to the hospital were treated and released.

The two suspects, who face various narcotics-related charges, were booked into the Mohave County jail.

Later, the building was decontaminated and found to be safe, the Duty Office said.



OFFICER DAVID G. NICELY

Retired DPS Officer Dave Nicely dies

Memorial services were conducted Aug. 18 in Lake Havasu City for retired DPS Officer David G. Nicely, 60.

Officer Nicely, a Johnstown, Pa., native who retired from DPS in 2000, passed away Aug. 13 in Lake Havasu City. At the time of his death, Officer Nicely was the transportation supervisor for the Lake Havasu City School District.

Most of his 25 years with DPS was as a commercial vehicle safety specialist. In 1993, he took 15th place as a safety specialist in an international competition sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration. In 1989, he was recognized for his expertise by the Arizona Motor Transport Association.

Considered an expert in truck safety, Officer Nicely also was featured by *The Arizona Republic* in 1985 for his proficiency in commercial vehicle safety.

Away from DPS, Officer Nicely, a 16-year resident of Lake Havasu City, was quite active with that city's Rotary Club, the American Legion post, the American Heart Association and St. Michael's Methodist Church.

Prior to DPS, Officer Nicely spent more than three years in the U.S. Air Force with Luke Air Force Base being his last military assignment.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; three daughters; his parents; two sisters; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests donations be made to Hospice of Havasu, P.O. Box 597, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405, or to St. Michael's Methodist Church, 2895 Jamaica Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406.

DPS at a Glance

The American Legion selected DPS Officer Ray Butler as its 2002 Arizona law enforcement officer of the year.

Butler, a four-year DPS officer, was presented with the award in mid July during a dinner in Phoenix. DPS Lt. Ron DeLong, District 1 commander, said Butler was nominated for the award for his part in the seizures of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine.

DPS Officers Chris Motko and Gabriel Gaona investigated a head-on collision near Page Aug. 8 that claimed the lives of four people, including two Japanese citizens.

According to the officers' report, the two Japanese citizens were in a Volvo that crossed the center line on S.R. 98 before striking a Chevrolet pickup truck. Both occupants in the pickup were also killed in the mid-afternoon head-on collision.

Retirees looking for something to do on the first Wednesday of each month might consider the "Eastside Gang" coffee.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 950 E. Main St., Mesa. Regular attendees include Doc Holloway, Wayne McBride, Bob McCarthy, Mike McArthur, Ben Shumway, Tick Ulrich and Charlie Scott.

Speaking of coffee, more than 20 DPS retirees got together in Nogales Aug. 14 and exchanged many "remember when" stories at the Americana.

Retired Lt. Col. Larry Thompson said the next retirees' "Java Jaunt" is scheduled for Yuma, sometime in October.

Timmons ...

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ing more time with his wife of 33 years who also recently retired after 27 years of teaching at the high school level.

He also will devote more time to his business, Forensic Drug Services, where he develops multi-media and internet-based training programs, primarily for educators and law enforcement.

Timmons also is able to spend more time riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and tinkering with his 1969 428 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

As a scratch golfer, Timmons also hopes to continue improving his golf game.



OFFICER DANNY M. PETTIT

Cancer takes life of retired Officer Pettit

After a three-year battle against cancer, retired DPS Highway Patrol Officer Danny M. Pettit passed away July 29 with his family at his side at Boswell Memorial Hospital, Sun City.

Officer Pettit, 52, retired as an officer from the Department in January 2001, concluding a law-enforcement career that spanned more than 27 years. Upon retiring, the Fort Worth native remained with the agency as a civilian reserve with the Highway Patrol handling various administrative tasks for the command staff at Metro West.

His career with DPS began in August 1973. Upon graduating from the academy, Officer Pettit drew Phoenix as his first assignment with the Highway Patrol. Two years later, he transferred to the Lake Havasu City area.

After three years in Lake Havasu City, Officer Pettit, badge no. 1402, and his family moved to Wickenburg where he patrolled area highways for more than 20 years.

Prior to DPS, Officer Pettit served with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war where he helped maintain the weapons systems on various aircraft.

Officer Pettit, a Circle City resident, is survived by his wife, Debbie; a daughter, Lisa; a son, David; and his mother, Leora.

A viewing and visitation was conducted for Officer Pettit Aug. 5 at Heritage Funeral Chapel in Peoria.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lymphoma Research Center, 111 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10006, or the Children's Hospital Cancer Center, 1919 E. Thomas Road., Phoenix, 85016.



Traffic menace

This is some of the items Wickenburg Sgt. Mike Walters found in the roadway prior to the arrest of Otto Simshauser. The suspect was arrested July 25 after Walters watched him throw debris onto the highway.

Wickenburg officers arrest man for hammering nails into highway

In the words of DPS Sgt. Mike Walters, this was a "strange one."

In brief, that's what the Wickenburg sergeant had to say after his officers "nailed the nail man" and booked him into the Madison Street Jail in Phoenix where the 47-year-old itinerant faces charges of endangerment, criminal damage, criminal littering, and interfering with a public thoroughfare.

Otto Simshauser, who calls a pick-up truck with camper home and uses a mo-ped quite frequently for transportation, told arresting DPS Highway Patrol Officer Davis Coughanour that he "just wanted to get even with people" as his reason for sprinkling nails and other debris onto U.S. 60 about five miles east of Wickenburg during the late afternoon hours of July 25.

This arrest came almost two weeks after DPS Officer Tim Sumner arrested Simshauser July 13 on similar charges and after the Department received reports that more than 100 vehicles sustained flat tires while motoring through the area some 50 miles north of Phoenix.

As the reports continued to mount and after two patrol cars sustained flat tires, Walters and his squad began combing area highways. It didn't take long to determine why so many vehicles were victimized by flat tires.

What officers found were concrete-cut nails hammered into the traffic lanes of U.S. 60, east and west of Wickenburg, and on Yarnell Hill, S.R. 89 north of Wickenburg.

"The first reports came in around July 8," Walters said. "As we received the reports, we noticed a pattern was developing and that most of these flats were occurring in three locations. So, on July 13, Davis and I went out and searched an area about five miles west of Wickenburg on U.S. 60.

"With Davis providing traffic control, I rode my motorcycle at a very slow pace. We found numerous concrete-cut nails hammered into the road. We spent considerable time removing them, so we knew the roadway had been cleared. But, that night, it started occurring again in the same area."

Later that night and in that area, Sumner encountered the suspect who had parked his mo-ped alongside the road. During the course of conversation, Sumner observed a bag full of concrete-cut nails and a hammer.

"At that point, Mr. Simshauser was arrested and booked into Maricopa County Jail," Walters said. "He was released on July 22 and on the 23rd, we heard he was visiting area hardware stores attempting to purchase more nails. On the 25th, we learned that he had purchased a 5-pound bag of 3-inch dry-wall screws."

"That afternoon, I began surveillance of Mr. Simshauser. Eventually, I spotted him throw and kick some debris onto U.S. 60 about five miles east of Wickenburg. When he left the area, I found numerous nails, drill bits and screws in the highway. That's when I radioed Davis and told him to make the arrest. We don't know what he did with the 5-pound bag of screws."

Walters, a life-long Wickenburg resident, said that the suspect has lived in the Wickenburg area for quite some time.

"When talking to him, he never really elaborated on why he was trying to get even," Walters explained. "He was just upset with the world and was striking back. Unfortunately, some very innocent people could have been killed or seriously injured by his actions."

As of mid-August Simshauser was still in jail with bond set at \$27,000.

"The final number of charges will be based on the total number of victims," Walters said. "At this point we have had at least 25 people who have come forward with complaints. We know there are many more victims and there are those who probably aren't associating their flat tires with the actions of this suspect."

"I never ran across anything like this before. It's strange and different. We are fortunate that no one was hurt or killed."

Inside DPS

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Barton, Kenneth F., 1375, Lieutenant

Knapp, James M., 1393, Rotary Wing Pilot II

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Bergman, Larry D., 2412, Generator Technician

Holliday, Cheryl J., 2407, Office Coordinator

Saunders, Richard L., 2407, Staff Attorney

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Craig, Joy L., 3248, Officer

Darling, Randy W., 3253, Telecommunications Coordinator

Miller, Rosilyn A., 3250, Budget Analysis Supervisor

Shill, Janet M., 3246, Administrative Services Officer

NEW EMPLOYEES

Baeza, Jason P., 6245, Cadet Officer

Bair, Ryan R., 6260, Cadet Officer

Bowling, Martin L., 6258, Cadet Officer

Bowling, Matthew D., 6246, Cadet Officer

Buller, Cody J., 6266, Associate Criminalist

Davis, Bryce A., 6247, Cadet Officer

Figueroa, Carmen A., 6248, Cadet Officer

Frei, Crystal A., 6249, Cadet Officer

Golisch, Steven C., 6267, Telecommunications Engineer

Goodman, Heath T., 6250, Cadet Officer

Griever, Richard D., 6251, Cadet Officer

Hornbuckle, Maurice V., 6252, Cadet Officer

Kitcheyan, Jonathan, 6262, Officer

Luna, George, 6254, Cadet Officer

McKenzie, Ryan M., 6259, Cadet Officer

Milam, Curtis L., 6244, AZ POST Standards Compliance Specialist

Moore, Chrystal M., 6255, Cadet Officer

Paulsen, Brian C., 6272, Cadet Officer

Smith, Rusty L., 6256, Cadet Officer

Svestka, Steven A., 6270, Cadet Officer

Upton, Eric M., 6261, Printer

Valentino, Scott R., 6263, Officer

Vega, Raul E., 6264, Officer

Webb, Jeffrey G., 6257, Cadet Officer

West, Duane K., 6269, Cadet Officer

Zinnamon, Kristen N., 6265, Associate Criminalist

RETIREMENTS

Brussat, Robert C., 3767, Rotary Wing Pilot II, 17 years

Gale, Michael S., 4007, Motor Carrier Investigator, 16 years

Hall, Mark S., 2373, Officer, 25 years

Johnson, Kenneth R., 871, Officer, 32 years

Lane, Scott M., 2936, Officer, 22 years

Miller, Karl-Heinz W., 4530, Telecommunications Technician, 12 years

Morris, William H., 1132, Supervising Criminalist, 30 years

Smith, Benjamin R., 661, Sergeant, 35 years

Timmons, James E., 1361, Supervising Criminalist, 30 years

Trujillo, Edward L., 1130, Assistant Scientific Analysis Superintendent, 30 years

Wilson, J.W. "Jack," 3816, Lieutenant, 17 years

DEPARTURES

Clifford, James M., 4913, Facilities Maintenance Technician

Douglas, Doyle G., 6219, Fixed Wing Pilot

Jacobs, Sandra K., 6209, Officer

Lopez, Lawrence A., 6253, Cadet Officer

McFarren, Travis F., 5788, Officer

Roman, J.A., 6268, Cadet Officer

Warren, Gary S., 5412, Officer

Webster, Sue L., 4910, Operations Assistant

Wygall, Tad G., 5260, Officer

BIRTHS

Hailee Grace Petersen – 6 lbs. 8 oz. 19 inches. Born July 2 at Lake Havasu Medical Center to Officer Brian Petersen and wife, Elissa. Brian is assigned to HP D-4, Parker.

Chyanne Julia Echeverria – 8 lbs. 6 oz. 21 inches. Born July 30 at Arrowhead Community Hospital, Glendale, to Lea Echeverria and her husband, Phillip. Lea is a police communications dispatcher assigned to Phoenix Operational Communications.

Emma Lewis – 6 lbs. 8 oz. 19 3/4 inches. Born July 31 at Payson Regional Medical Center to Officer Jarom Lewis and wife, Kristina. Jarom is assigned to HP D-11, Payson.

William Christopher White – 8 lbs., 6 oz. 21 inches. Born Aug. 13 at Thunderbird Samaritan Medial Center, Glendale to Officer Chris White and his wife, Stacy. Chris is a paramedic assigned to Central Air Rescue.

OBITUARIES

Karon Ann Bottoms, 56, of Taylor, passed away Aug. 5. She was the mother of DPS Officers John Bottoms, Financial Crime Unit, and Richard Bottoms, HP Metro East. Contributions may be made to NAOMI Ministries, P.O. Box 205, Joseph City, AZ 86032.

James M. Tyman, 76, of Surprise, passed away Aug. 3. He was the father of Officer Scott Tyman who is assigned to Vehicular Crimes.

Marian Joan Baker Cleary, 82, passed away Aug. 8. She was the mother of Cynthia Pellien, an administrative services officer assigned to the Criminal Information Services Bureau.

Lee Feingold, passed away Aug. 17 in New York. She was the mother of Ed Feingold, criminal analyst supervisor with the Special Enforcement Bureau.

The War on Drugs

At least the tow truck already had the suspect vehicle on the hook.

While patrolling S.R. 85 about 25 miles north of Gila Bend Aug. 16, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Jason Lord stopped a tow truck for a traffic violation. While approaching the truck with a Dodge Intrepid in tow, Lord observed what he believed to be bundles of marijuana inside the Intrepid. He was absolutely correct in his observation.

During the stop, he also learned that there was a second vehicle involved and that vehicle was stopped by fellow Highway Patrol officers and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Lord said a search of the Intrepid produced 453 pounds of marijuana.

Armed with a search warrant Aug. 12, MANTIS agents in Tucson seized three suspicious packages at an area Federal Express.

The Duty Office reported that the officers found nearly \$59,000 in cash inside the packages. The agents seized the money, according to the Duty Office.

An I-40 traffic stop near Flagstaff Aug. 11 led to the discovery and seizing of \$32,000 in cash.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Victor Liebe said he also impounded a 2003 Ford Ranger following the stop.

During their mad dash for freedom, these two drug-smuggling suspects left behind more than 300 pounds of marijuana.

While patrolling SR 86 about 30 miles west of Tucson Aug. 8, DPS Highway Patrol Officers Don Mattus and Mike Hairgrove attempted to stop a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am for a moving violation.

The Duty Office said the driver of the vehicle failed to yield and sped away, forcing other vehicles off the roadway, before leaving the highway.

After leaving the highway and stopping, the occupants fled on foot. The following search of the abandoned vehicle produced 323 pounds of marijuana which was seized along with the Grand Am.

Maybe they were hoping for a blind patrolman when they were stopped July 27 for an equipment violation by DPS Highway Patrol Officer James Anderson.

Anderson told the Duty Office that he stopped the pair on S.R. 85 about six miles south of Gila Bend. While talking to the two,

he looked inside the 1996 Pontiac and spotted what appeared to be marijuana.

After placing the pair under arrest, Anderson impounded the vehicle and confiscated 404 pounds of marijuana.

MANTIS agents in Tucson, following on an anonymous tip, conducted a "knock 'n talk" on a Tucson residence July 25 and came up with 400 pounds of marijuana.

DPS Detective Todd Smith told the Duty Office that upon arriving at the residence, they detected a strong odor of marijuana. Once a search warrant was obtained, Smith said MANTIS agents entered the home and located the contraband.

The officers arrested three suspects and seized two vehicles, Smith said.

The money-laundering business wasn't too profitable July 22 for these motorists using I-10 as a night-time pipeline to move substantial quantities of cash.

In the first incident, DPS Canine Officer Robert Telles stopped an east-bound vehicle about 15 miles east of Eloy for a traffic violation.

After his canine, Gizmo, alerted to the vehicle, Telles found and seized \$21,761 in currency. The motorist was not arrested, Telles told the Duty Office.

About an hour later that night, DPS Officer John Armstrong arrested two suspects and charged them with money laundering following an I-10 traffic stop near Casa Grande.

Armstrong said he stopped the vehicle for speeding, adding that a search of the vehicle produced \$37,000 in cash.

Tax amnesty ...

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"When they are found, harsh penalties, higher interest and possible criminal sanctions will be applied," the DR director said.

Hibbs said the program is designed to bring much-needed additional revenue into the general fund this fiscal year.

"Most of the money received will be deposited in the state general fund with the remainder being distributed to the counties and cities and to special funds like education and corrections," Hibbs said.

Additional questions should be directed to the DR at 602-364-3550, or e-mail amnesty@revenue.state.az.us.

A Job Well Done

I would like to thank some DPS employees who went out of their way to assist me.

I work in Phoenix Operational Communications on the second floor of the main headquarters building. I work swing, from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. On the evening of Tuesday, July 29, I was working in radio when one of our monsoon storms hit.

We lost power due to the storm and went on to generator power which operates certain vital systems such as lights, computers, and radios, but not the elevators.

I am confined to a motorized wheelchair/electric scooter. The power went out at about 9 p.m. and was still out when my shift ended at 10:30 p.m.

I could not leave the second floor because there was no power to operate the elevators.

My supervisor, Sharon Manson, and graveyard supervisor, Donna Street, told me I could stay in an on-duty capacity and work phones, hoping that power would come back soon.

At about 2:15 a.m., Security Supervisor Richie Boland and Security Guard Mac McCreery advised us that power would not be restored for another couple of hours.

Because I can only walk very short distances due to my medical conditions, Richie and Mac volunteered to carry my electric scooter down the stairs, and then transport me on the emergency evacuation chair.

I was hoping to avoid such a scenario, but it was not to be, so I told them I could get myself down the stairs, very slowly, but I could do it.

I sure hated the idea of them carrying that electric cart, but they insisted even though it weighs in the neighborhood of 250 pounds. They insisted and I capitulated. I was very worried one of them would get hurt.

Donna assisted by carrying my belongings and walking with me. Mac walked behind me and Ritchie walked in front of me just to make sure I negotiated the stairs. Ritchie obtained a chair for me at the bottom of the stairs, and he and Mac then carried the scooter down the stairs.

Somewhere a DPS sergeant (I do not know his name) showed up and assisted Mac and Richie.

All went out of their way to assist a fellow employee, and for that I am very grateful to them for their caring, compassion and dedication to the employees of DPS.

Susan Mendez

Sr. Police Communications Dispatcher

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Down the Highways

September 1963

With Sgt. Joe Bob Smith departing for the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Sgt. Ernest Nivin has been named as Smith's replacement in the Casa Grande area, the *Casa Grande Dispatch* reported Sept. 4.

Nivin, who has been with the Arizona Highway Patrol for eight years, will transfer to Casa Grande from the Hoover Dam area.

September 1973

Two roofers were arrested Sept. 14 as suspects in the burglary of the Phoenix home of DPS Sgt. Scott Chesnut.

Chesnut told Phoenix police among the items missing were several revolvers. Bits of roofing material Chesnut found inside the home led him to suspect the two workmen employed to install a new roof on his home.

The roofers were later arrested following a second burglary attempt. The weapons were found in an alley near Chesnut's home.

A Phoenix motorist, stopped Sept. 21 for allegedly driving while intoxicated, eluded a highway patrolman and jumped off a free-way bridge into the Salt River bed, critically injuring himself.

Officer Jack Richardson said he stopped the suspect for weaving in traffic. After some questioning and a field sobriety test, Richardson placed the man under arrest and was escorting him to the patrol car when the suspect bolted and jumped off the bridge, hitting the river bed some 40 feet below.

September 1978

DPS will receive a \$60,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) to develop emergency medical services systems in Yuma and Mohave counties, U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini announced Sept. 1.

DeConcini, D-Ariz., announced that the grant, in conjunction with a state grant, will be used to plan a basic life support system to serve western Arizona.

September 1983

Three DPS officers received a Meritorious Service Award from DPS Director Ralph Milstead during ceremonies conducted in mid-September in Phoenix.

Receiving Meritorious Service Awards were Officers Ron DeLong, Leo Smith and Anthony Slusher. DeLong rescued two youngsters who were stranded on a rock ledge while Smith and Slusher received awards for negotiating and disarming a man who was threatening to shoot and kill a neighbor.

September 1988

Training is under way for 125 DPS sworn officers who recently had their .38-caliber revolvers replaced with newly-issued semi-automatic Sig-Sauer pistols.

Seventy-five Sig Sauers were given to Criminal Investigation officers while another 50 went to Highway Patrol officers, said Fred Hunter of DPS Training. Hunter said it probably would take about three years to equip

all DPS officers with the new Sig Sauers.

September 1993

A 21-year-old man, who was arrested March 7 by DPS Officer Bob Throop after a bomb was found in his car, pled guilty Sept. 27 to two counts of misconduct involving weapons and three counts of endangerment.

Under terms of the plea agreement, the Prescott man can receive four to 25 years in prison when sentenced Nov. 16 by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Frank Galati.

After stopping the motorist on I-17 north of Phoenix for driving a vehicle with a defective headlight, Throop spotted a sawed-off shotgun and placed him under arrest on an illegal weapons charge. An ensuing search resulted in Throop finding the bomb in the vehicle's trunk.

A search warrant served at a Goodyear residence Sept. 29 not only resulted in shutting down a meth lab but also in the arrest of a suspect sought in two different homicides.

DPS Sgt. Johnny Sanchez said the multi-agency night-time raid went off without a hitch as officers arrested four suspects and seized a 1993 Oldsmobile.

During the search, Sanchez said officers learned that one of the suspects was wanted by Peoria police on two different murder charges. Another suspect was wanted by Peoria police on burglary and aggravated assault charges.